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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

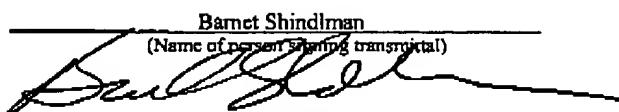
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(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	18	Minus	** =22	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.